

RESOLUTION NO. 12-96

WHEREAS, the Mayor and City Council of the City of Huntsville, Alabama, are apprised that Melba Peters, local and state political leader, departed this life on December 19, 2011; and,

WHEREAS, Melba was a native of Geneva County, Alabama, and a graduate of Vicksburg High School in Geneva County. She and her husband, Elbert Peters, were married for more than 55 years, moving to Huntsville in 1962. The Peters' marriage was a role model for other couples; and,

WHEREAS, Melba and Elbert are the proud parents of one son, James E. (Jim) Peters of Huntsville; one daughter and son-in-law, Carol and Jim Wisdom of Madison; one grandson, David Wisdom of Auburn; and one granddaughter, Caroline Wisdom of Madison; and,

WHEREAS, during the early years of Elbert and Melba's marriage, they lived in Auburn, Alabama. While her husband was a student in the School of Electrical Engineering at Auburn University, she worked as a secretary for professors in the Engineering Drawing and Design Department at the University. They moved to Huntsville in 1962; and,

WHEREAS, Melba was a member of the Chase Park Church of Christ (formerly Memorial Parkway) in Huntsville. She and her husband were also considered members of the Navarre, Florida, Church of Christ because of the many times they attended church there while at their beach property in Navarre; and,

WHEREAS, Melba served as a volunteer for the Republican Men's Club, a charter member of the Republican Women of Huntsville and mentor to many state and local Republicans having the privilege of working with her over the years. She contributed greatly to building the Republican Party to what it is now. She served as a member of the local Madison County Republican Executive Committee, Alabama Republican Executive Committee, State Party's Resolution Committee, and associate member of the Twickenham Republican Women. She also served as a delegate to the Republican National Convention in 1984, as well as a Presidential Elector from the 5th Congressional District in 1996 and 2000; and,

WHEREAS, Melba was an inspiration to others by living her life with courage, setting an example for all to follow. She had a servant's heart and was always a blessing to her family, friends, and neighbors. She consistently shared the love of God with those around her. Her dedication to the community was also strong, as was her adherence to traditional values.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council and Mayor of the City of Huntsville, Alabama, recognize and gratefully acknowledge Melba Peters for the remarkable woman she was and her contributions to our community. We extend our heartfelt sympathy to her family and many friends. May her courage continue to inspire us all.

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THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City Council and Mayor of the City of Huntsville, Alabama, hereby order that a copy of this resolution be spread upon the minutes of this meeting and a copy be furnished to her family.

ADOPTED this the 9th day of February, 2012

President of the City Council
of the City of Huntsville, Alabama

APPROVED this the 9th day of February, 2012.

Mayor of the City of Huntsville,
Alabama